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Institution's Innovation Council



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Title: Rashtra Pratham – Hosted by Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE & Chief Innovation Officer, and MoE's Innovation Cell.

Date: 19-08-2025.

Objectives:

- To document the key insights and discussions presented in Rashtra Pratham – Episode 2, highlighting the vision and strategies for national development through innovation and education.
- To analyze the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in India's progress, as emphasized by Dr. Abhay Jere and guest speakers during the episode.
- To disseminate information and inspire academic institutions, students, and stakeholders about current government initiatives and opportunities in the innovation ecosystem.
- To provide a comprehensive summary of expert perspectives on how education, technology, and policy can align with the goal of "Rashtra Pratham" (Nation First).
- To encourage active participation in national innovation missions by showcasing real-life success stories, policy frameworks, and collaborative opportunities discussed in the episode.

Participant Details:

A total of **150 MBBS Phase 3 students** attended the Rashtra Pratham –webinar. The session was organized and streamed in the college **lecture hall**, providing a focused and collaborative environment for learning.

The students actively engaged with the content presented by **Dr. Abhay Jere**, gaining valuable insights into national innovation initiatives, the role of youth in shaping India's future, and the importance of fostering an innovation-driven mindset in the medical and academic community.

Programme Overview:

The Rashtra Pratham – Episode 2 webinar is part of a national initiative aimed at inspiring the youth of India to place the nation first in all their endeavors—be it education, innovation, entrepreneurship, or public service. The episode was hosted by **Dr. Abhay Jere**, Vice Chairman of AICTE and Chief Innovation Officer at the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell.

This episode focused on nurturing a spirit of innovation, self-reliance, and national pride among students, especially those pursuing higher education in professional fields such as medicine, engineering, and sciences. Through insightful discussions, success stories, and motivational messages, the session emphasized the importance of contributing to India's growth through creative thinking, problem-solving, and socially impactful innovation.

Outcomes:

- Students gained a deeper understanding of the "**Rashtra Pratham**" (**Nation First**) philosophy and its relevance in their academic and professional journeys.
- The session inspired participants to think beyond traditional roles and explore **innovation and entrepreneurship** as tools for nation-building.
- Students were introduced to various **government initiatives and platforms**, such as the Innovation Cell and Smart India Hackathon, encouraging future participation.
- The webinar fostered a sense of **responsibility and leadership** among medical students to contribute meaningfully to India's healthcare and development sectors.
- The event encouraged a culture of **critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving**, aligning medical education with national priorities.

Way Forward: To build on the momentum of the webinar, the institution should encourage student participation in national innovation initiatives like Smart India Hackathon and foster awareness about innovation and entrepreneurship in healthcare. Setting up innovation clubs, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, and staying connected with national-level discussions and webinars will help students align their skills with the vision of “Rashtra Pratham” and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.

